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SERVICE SCENE

VIPs, Past and Present, Attend Bradley Party

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You couldn't turn around without running into a VIP, past or present, at the reception given by General of the Army and Mrs. Omar M. Bradley last night in the Fort McNair Officers Club.

It was the first big party the Bradleys have given since they returned to Washington last year to make their permanent home here after a sojourn in Los Angeles following his retirement as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

There was no need for introductions or small talk. It wasn't that kind of party. Most of those who came were old friends of the Bradleys from official, diplomatic and residential Washington who knew each other as well as their host and hostess.

About 400 guests crowded the club's ballroom for two hours. They ranged from World War II generals who had served with Gen. Bradley in Europe to Government officials of this administration with whom he has worked most recently as one of a group of advisers on the President's proposal to reorganize the Pentagon.

McElroy Early

An early arrival was Secretary of Defense Neil H. McElroy. The Secretary, who came alone as illness prevented Mrs. McElroy from attending, seemed none the worse for wear after his four-day grilling by the House Armed Services Committee last week. In fact, he said gently, that he looked upon "these people I have been appearing before in various congressional committee sessions as my friends. They have a job to do too," he said.

Secretary McElroy said that in all likelihood the group of advisers who assisted him in drawing up the reorganization report would be given a chance to air their own opinions before Senate and House committees before hearings on the proposed legislation are completed. The advisory group includes besides three civilians, Gen. Bradley, Admiral Arthur Radford and Gen. Alfred M. Gruenther.

But when Gen. Bradley was asked if he planned to

Mrs. Stewart Present
Sharing the party spotlight with the Bradleys was Mrs. Bradley's only sister, Mrs. Wayne Stewart, who is visiting here from Oregon. Mrs. Stewart, who has visited here before, was renewing many old friendships and excitedly discussing her forthcoming trip to Europe. Gen. and Mrs. Bradley will accompany her to New York on the 9th for a few days' visit before she sails on May 14.

The Bradleys' daughter, attractive Mrs. Benjamin H. Dorsey, jr., was also on hand assisting her parents as an unofficial hostess as she circulated throughout the room welcoming old friends.

Early arrivals included the Belgian Ambassador and Baroness Silvercruys, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Morris with her mother, Mrs. A. J. Jergins of San Antonio, Tex., Senator and Mrs. John Sparkman with their son-in-law and

daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Taswell-Shepherd; the Les Biffes, Secretary of the Army and Mrs. Wilber Brucker and the Dewey Shorts.

Mrs. William P. MacCracken was discussing the merits of spring hats with Mrs. Mary Jane McCaffree who was wearing a white straw pillbox set off dramatically with a side pouf of white organdy resembling a large white camellia.

Mr. Gray Congratulated

Across the room, handsome Bob Gray was receiving congratulations all around on his new appointment as secretary to the cabinet.

Mrs. Alben Barkley came in a little later with Henry Depping. Also among the later arrivals were the Israel Ambassador and Mrs. Abba Eban, Supreme Court Associate Justice and Mrs. Tom Clark, Senator and Mrs. Mike Monroney talking with the William Wallers, Herbert Edwards (without India, who is in New York), the Thurnah Arnolds, Mrs. Perle Mesta, Mrs. Merriweather Post, the Roy St. Lewises, and Col. and Mrs. M. Robert Guggenheim, whose 400-plus carat royal

blue sapphire was a conversation piece.

Seldom seen Mrs. Leslie J. McNair, wearing a chic spring bonnet of pink carnations, was being greeted on every hand, while another group included Mrs. Carlos Romulo, soloing it until Gen. Romulo returns home this week end from a trip to Argentina, and Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Evans.

Putting in a brief appearance was Pakistan's Maj. Gen. Hayaud-Din who had to get back home for the dinner he and Mrs. Hayaud-Din gave last night for the visiting Pakistan Army Chief of Staff, Gen. M. Ayub Khan.

The Ceylon Ambassador, the Turkish Ambassador and Mme. Urguplu, Mrs. Eugene Meyer, the Deputy Director of CIA and Mrs. C. P. Cabell and Gen. and Mrs. Claude C. Mickelwait were also among later arrivals.

Farewell to Argentinian

Elsewhere on the service party front last night was the farewell reception given by the Argentine Air Attache and Senora de Aleman for Argentine Naval Attache Rear Admiral Vicente M. V. Baroja, and the at-home given by

the Chief of Army Engineers and Mrs. Emerson C. Itschner.

The Itschners entertained in their Alexandria home for division, Army and command engineers from all over the world who are here for their annual three-day conference.



GREETINGS EXCHANGED—Gen. Omar Bradley has a warm handshake for Mrs. Charles P. Cabell at the reception he and Mrs. Bradley gave last night at the Fort McNair Officers Club. Mrs. Cabell is the wife of Lt. Gen. Cabell, deputy director of the Central Intelligence Agency.—Star Staff Photo.